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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

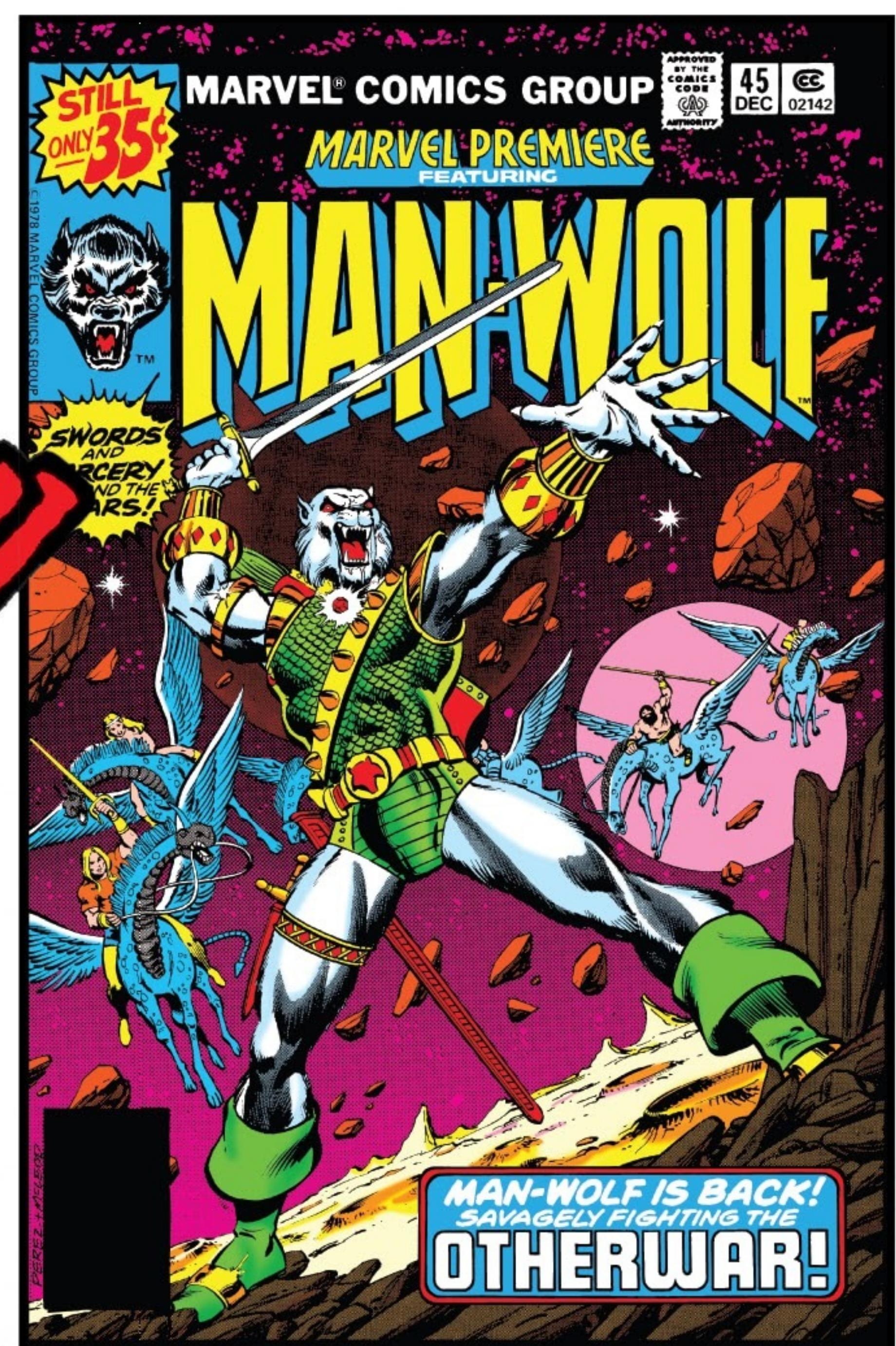
PRELUDE TO
SINISTER WAR



MARVEL REMEMBERS

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“A bon vivant and raconteur extraordinaire”

EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.

LOOK, I'M NOT GONNA LIE.

THINGS AREN'T EXACTLY LOOKING UP.

I HAVE BAD GUYS ON THE LOOSE EVERYWHERE AROUND ME. MY ROOMMATE BETRAYED ME AND I JUST LOST ANOTHER JOB.

BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO TAKE COMFORT IN THE LITTLE THINGS. LIKE THIS MORNING, SOMEHOW NOTHING CAME UP, AND MIRACULOUSLY I'M ACTUALLY EARLY TO--

--CLASS.

OH NO. THE DOOR TO THE LAB--

DOC? CURT?

PETER...

DOC! WHAT--WHAT HAPPENED?

IT'S GONE, PETER.

YEARS OF TRYING TO FIND A WAY. NOW IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED--

--AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT."

THE NIGHT BEFORE.

THE WORK IS NEARLY COMPLETE. READY TO BEGIN HUMAN TRIALS. OR... *SOMETIMES* HUMAN, I SUPPOSE.

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO UPGRADE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE ISOTOPE-GENOME ACCELERATOR FOR MONTHS NOW--

--EVER SINCE I FIRST RETURNED TO EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE ACCELERATOR HOLDS ENORMOUS PROMISE AS A MEANS TO ISOLATE AND SEPARATE, FROM A HOST, UNWANTED... *ILLNESSES* OF ALL TYPES. BUT SO FAR, ITS RESULTS HAVE BEEN MIXED.

AT LEAST SO FAR AS I CAN TELL.

BUT RECENT BREAKTHROUGHS LEAVE ME ON THE CUSP OF SOMETHING GREAT.

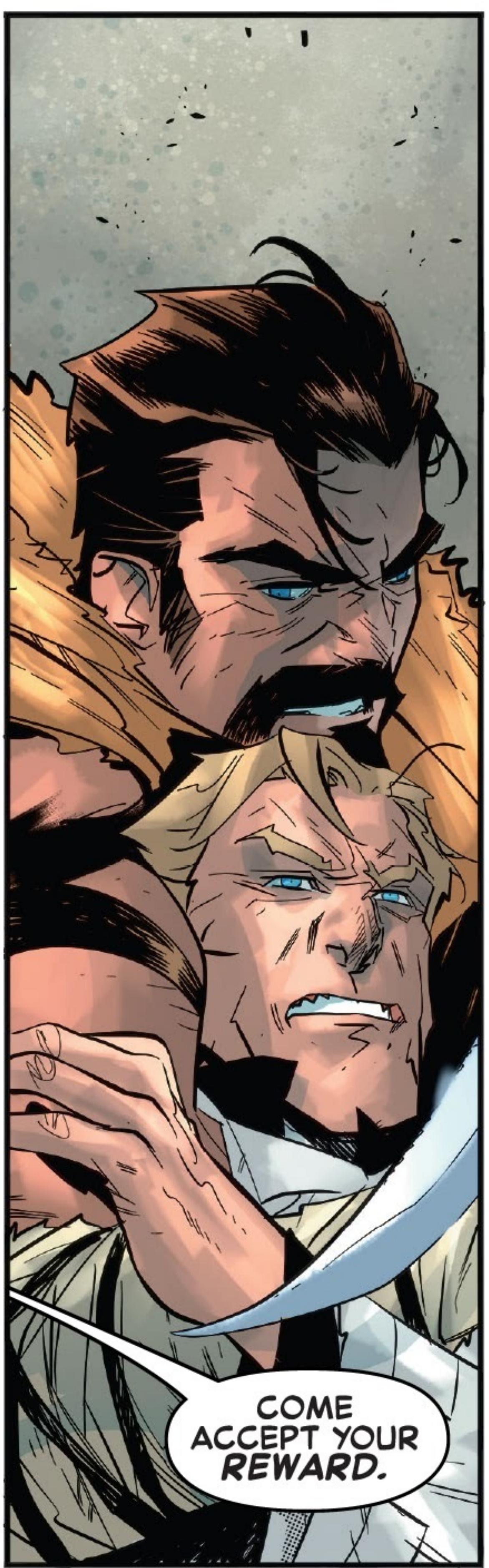
SOMETHING THAT CAN CHANGE LIVES.

OF COURSE, I HAVE OBLIGATIONS HERE. TO THE UNIVERSITY, TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT WHAT THIS WILL MEAN FOR MY FAMILY.

AND FOR ME.

CURT CONNORS. IF YOU NEVER HAD MY FRIENDSHIP...









PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing

SPIDER-MAN

Prelude to SINISTER WAR

Grad school was always a challenge for Peter, but it pales in comparison with the mysterious and powerful villain named Kindred who could have easily killed Spider-Man. Kindred exhumed the bodies of everyone Spider-Man lost to teach Peter a lesson, and it was only through an extraordinary intervention by Norman Osborn that Peter and his girlfriend Mary Jane were saved. Why did Norman help? He had just figured out that Kindred was actually his son Harry and hoped to save Harry from himself. NYPD CSI Carlie Cooper examined the exhumed bodies and made a startling discovery. Before she could alert Spider-Man, she was kidnapped by Kindred and thrown into a prison cell with none other than...Harry Osborn?!

Meanwhile, many of Spider-Man's other foes have been gathering in the wings...which never bodes well for Spider-Man. Sure would be nice to just be a normal grad student...

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POOR CURT--
HE DOESN'T
DESERVE ANY
OF THIS--

--EVEN IF
HE THINKS
HE DOES.

MY FAULT.
I DID
THIS.

I
SHOULD'VE
THOUGHT MORE
ABOUT THE
RISKS.

NOW I'VE
LET THE MONSTER
LOOSE ON THE
WORLD.

THE MONSTERS
ARE ALREADY OUT
THERE, DOC. YOU LET ME
WORRY ABOUT THEM--

--WHILE
YOU GET BACK
TO YOUR
FAMILY.

CURT?! WE
WERE SO
WORRIED!

PETER...
YOU HAVE TO
TELL SPIDER-MAN--
HE HAS TO
FIND THE
LIZARD!

AND THAT'S
JUST WHAT I'M
GONNA DO.

BUT IF THE **SINISTER
SIX** IS BACK IN ACTION,
THAT'S ONLY THE START
OF MY PROBLEM.

THWIP

I NEED TO
MOVE FAST.
AND I NEED--

ANSWERS.

I NEED ANSWERS,
AND I NEED
'EM FAST.

AVENGERS MANSION.

I'M
TERRIBLY SORRY,
MS. WATSON.
I WISH I COULD
BE OF MORE
HELP--

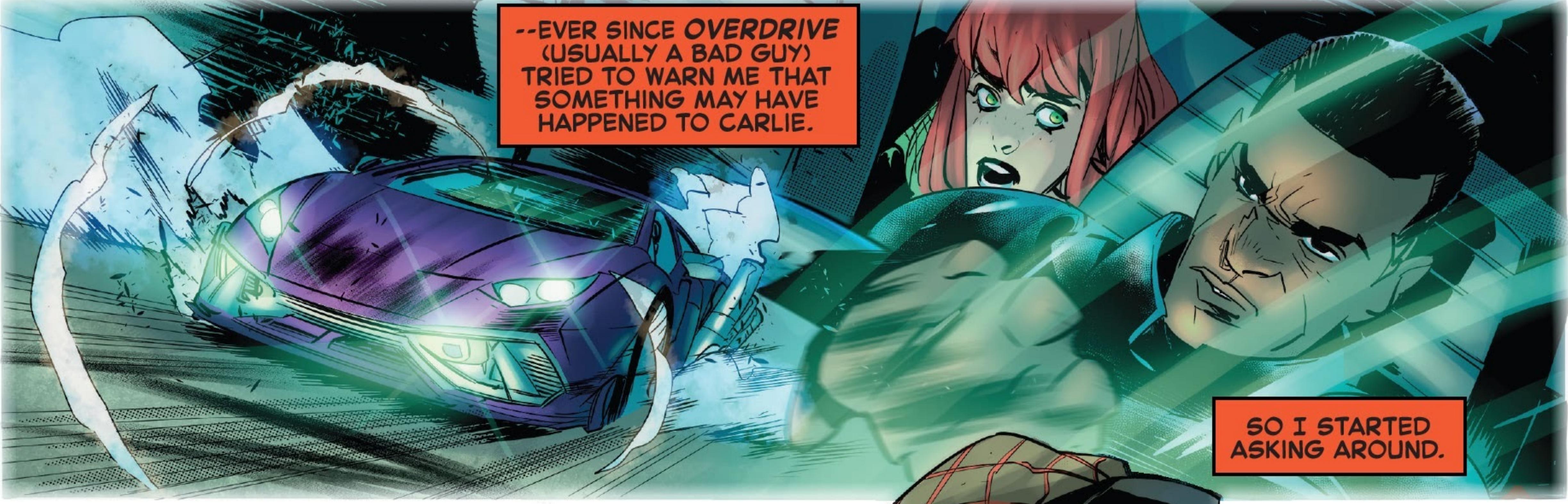
--BUT CARLIE
COOPER'S
WHEREABOUTS
ARE A MYSTERY
TO ME.

"OF COURSE, WHEN SHE WAS
ABSENT FROM OUR LOOKUPS
MEETINGS, I REACHED OUT...

"...AND RECEIVED A SOMEWHAT
TERSE TEXT MESSAGE BACK,
SAYING SHE'D HAD TO LEAVE
TOWN VERY SUDDENLY."

SOMETHING
TELLS ME THAT
ISN'T EXACTLY
ON THE UP-
AND-UP.

IT'S THE
SAME STORY
EVERYWHERE I
GO. HAS BEEN--



--EVER SINCE OVERDRIVE (USUALLY A BAD GUY) TRIED TO WARN ME THAT SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO CARLIE.

SO I STARTED ASKING AROUND.



HER LANDLORD--



--HER CO-WORKERS--

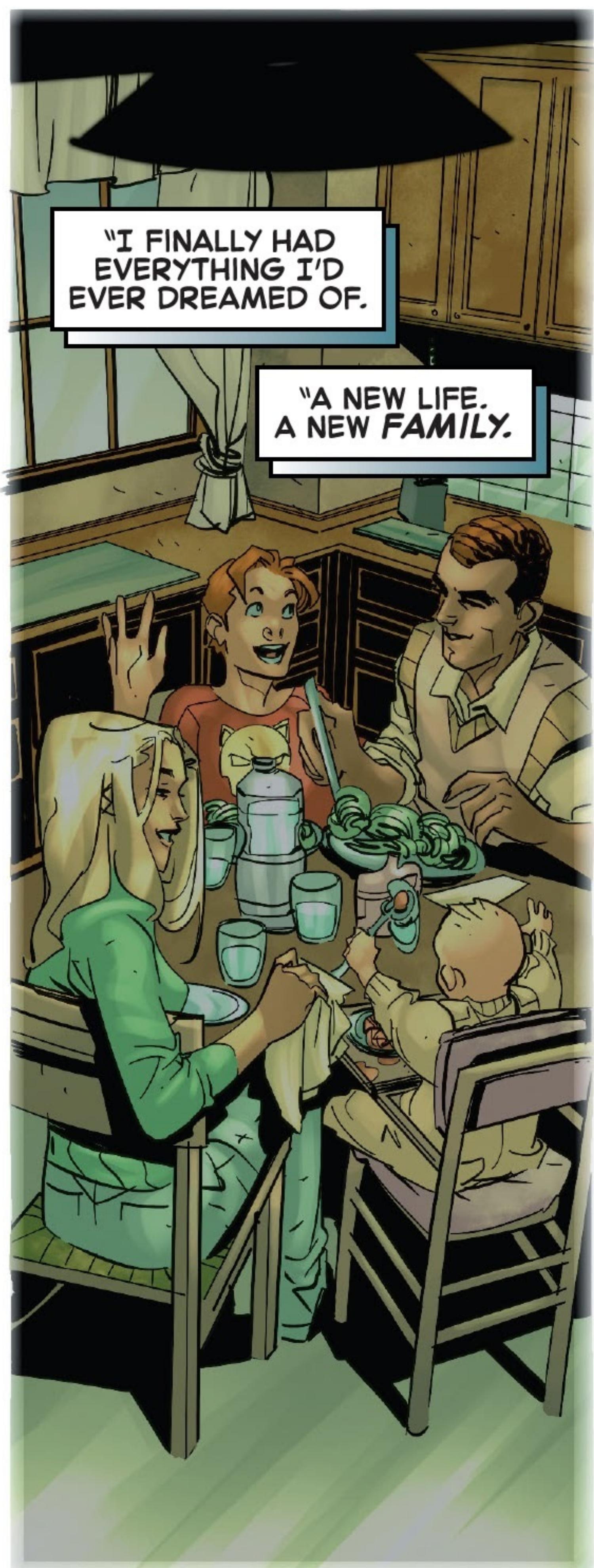
--HER SUPPORT STRUCTURE.

NOW I'M CONVINCED. MY FRIEND IS IN SOME REAL DANGER. I HAVE TO FIND HER. TROUBLE IS--



--I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO EVEN LOOK.

AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN HERE A WHILE, I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO FIND US ANYTIME SOON, CARLIE.







YOU WERE AT THE MORGUE, EXAMINING THE BODIES THIS KINDRED GUY EXHUMED, WHEN YOU REALIZED SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT.*

BACK IN ASM #56!
--NL



THERE WAS AN EXTRA BODY, AND WHEN YOU PULLED THE SHEET BACK...



...THERE LAY HARRY OSBORN.



THE SAME MAN SITTING NEXT TO YOU NOW.

YEAH, PROBABLY BEST TO KEEP THAT QUIET FOR NOW--

--I MEAN SOMEONE HAS TO FIND US EVENTUALLY, RIGHT?

FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FEL-ON.
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FEL-ON--

WELL, WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T OUR OLD TEAMMATE OVERDRIVE. COME CRAWLIN' BACK NOW THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT BOOMERANG'S BIG WIN AGAINST SPIDER-MAN?

BEST YOU CHANGE LANES, SPEED DEMON--

--I'M HERE TO TALK TO THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

IZZAT SO? HEARD YOU WAS A GOOD GUY NOW? YOU TRYNNNA BRING ME IN?

HARDLY. WE BETTER SWITCH THAT BOOZE FOR COFFEE, FRED--

--I WANNA OFFER YOU A JOB.

NOTHING...

HOURS OF SCOURING THE CITY AND NOTHING.

NO SIGN OF OCK AND HIS NEW CRONIES, WHICH SHOULD COME AS A RELIEF--

--BUT ALL I FEEL IS DREAD.

STOP KIDDING YOURSELF, PARKER. YOU KNOW WHERE ALL THIS COMES FROM.

YOU KNOW WHO'S REALLY BEHIND IT.

WAIT HERE.
AND YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IT LEADS.

YOU'VE
DONE GOOD,
OTTO.

I SEE
THE GANG'S
ALL HERE.
WELL--

--ALL
EXCEPT
FOR
ONE.

I GROW
TIRED OF YOUR
GAMES, DEMON. I
HAVE DONE AS YOU
ASKED. YOU PROMISED
ME ANSWERS ABOUT
WHAT'S BEEN TAKEN
FROM ME.

IN TIME,
DOC. IN
TIME.

BESIDES, OUR
BARGAIN'S NOT
MET YET. I TOLD YOU
THAT YOU COULD PICK
YOUR FIVE, BUT THE
SIXTH WAS MINE
TO CHOOSE.

AND
I HAVE
THE PERFECT
CASTING
IN MIND.

THE POOR IDIOT.
HE THINKS HE'S
FINALLY FREE.
THAT IT'S ALL
OVER.

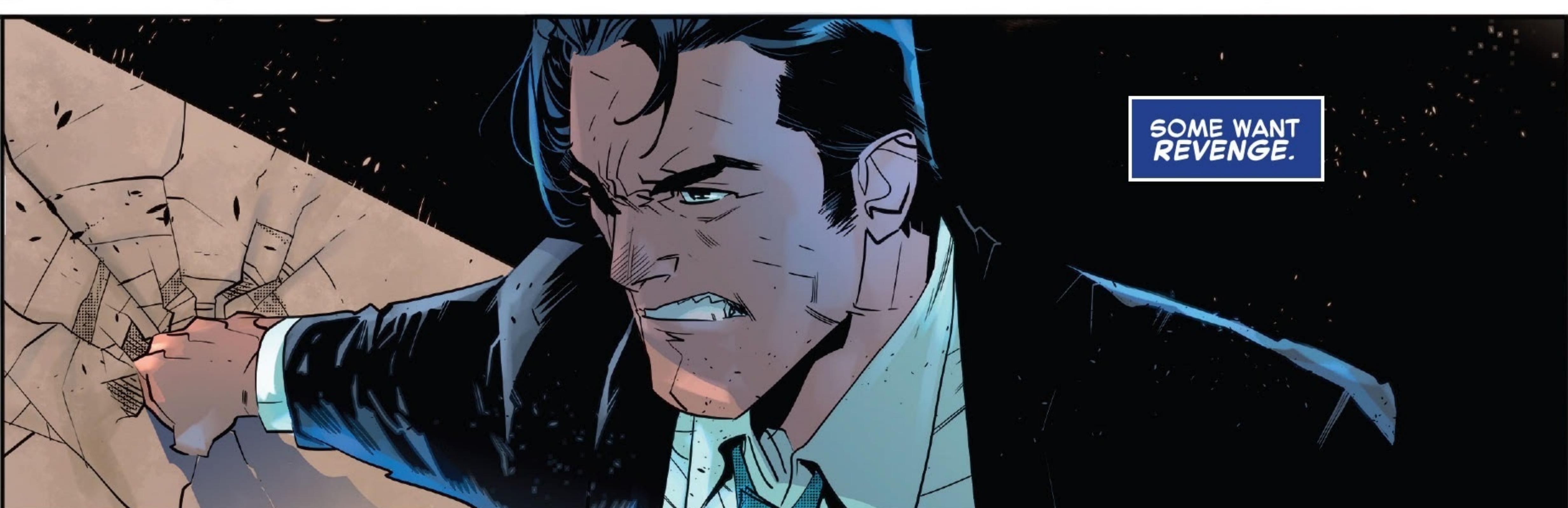
HE OF
ALL PEOPLE
SHOULD
KNOW--

--THE SHOW
MUST
GO ON."



IT'S TIME NOW,
PETE. NO MORE
WAITING.

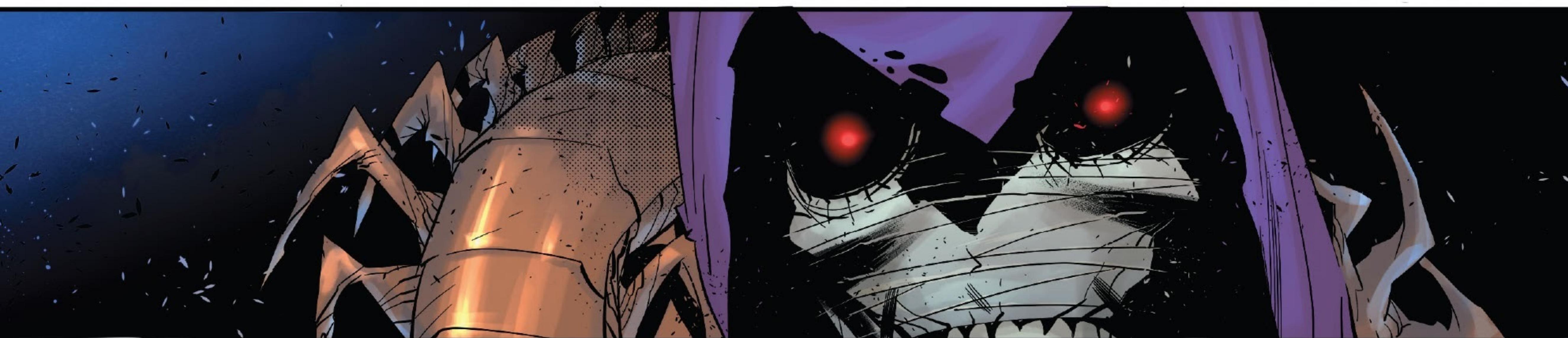
ALL THE PLAYERS
ARE FINALLY IN
PLACE, AND THEY'RE
ALL LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING.



SOME WANT
REVENGE.



SOME JUST WANT
TO MAKE A NAME
FOR THEMSELVES.



...SINISTER.



TO BE
CONTINUED
IN
SINISTER WAR #1!

NEXT:



SINISTER
WAR #1

THEN:



AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
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